

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 3 and 21 have been amended. Claims 23-25 have been added.

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The Examiner has rejected applicants' claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the art as shown in FIG. 8 of applicants' drawings. With respect to applicants' claims, as amended, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' independent claim 21 has been amended to better define applicants' invention. More particularly, applicants' amended independent claim 21 now recites a video camera comprising a display part disposed on a side face of the video camera body and having a display plane to display a picked-up image. A moving member enables the display part to move between a first position in which the display part makes the picked-up image viewable and a second position in which the display part is stowed in the video camera body. The moving member comprises a first member for enabling the display part to rotate around a first shaft from a state where the display part is a first position, and a second member for enabling said display part to rotate around a second shaft different from said first shaft in such a state that the display part has rotated from the state where the display part is in the first position.

Claim 21 now further recites that when the display part is in the second position, an image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately parallel with the display plane and a minor-side direction of the display plane, and when the display part is in the first position, the image pickup optical axis of the video camera body is approximately perpendicular with the display plane. Such a construction is not taught or suggested by the art shown in FIG. 8

of applicants' drawings.

It is believed evident from FIG. 8 of applicants' drawings that when the display part is in the non-viewable position abutting the video camera, the display plane and a major-side direction of the display plane are parallel to the optical axis of the video camera. The minor-side direction of the display plane, in turn, is in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis of the video camera.

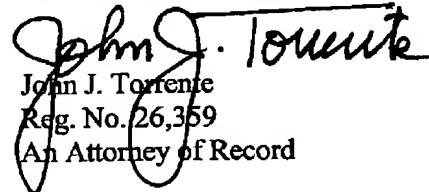
Applicants' independent claim 21, however, requires that when the display part is in the second position, i.e., stowed in the vide camera, the display plane and a minor-side direction of the display plane is approximately parallel to the image pickup optical axis of the video camera. Applicants' independent claim 21, and its respective dependent claims, thus patentably distinguish over the art as shown in FIG. 8 of applicants' drawings.

In view of the above, it is submitted that applicants' claim 21, as amended, and its respective dependent claims, patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration of such claims and passage of same to issue with allowed claims 1-12 is respectfully requested.

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